

Comments

Claims 1, 6 to 9, 12 to 16, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Coon. Applicant has amended her claims to distinguish over Coon. Coon converts a handgun into a rifle. In order to do that, plates 20 and 22 must extend beyond handgun cover plates 12 in order to support the barrel 14 of the rifle and member 44 and shoulder rest plate 46. All of Applicant's claims now require that the plate for the safety panel must be entirely beneath the grip covers. Plates 20 and 22 cannot be entirely beneath his cover plates 12 because then Coon could not convert the handgun into a rifle. Therefore, Coon does not disclose or suggest plates that fit entirely beneath cover plates 12 and it is not obvious to modify Coon by using plates that do not extend beyond cover plates 12.

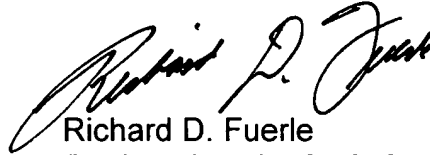
Also, Applicant is claiming a hand gun. Coon's product is not a handgun; it is a rifle.

Claims 2 to 5, 10, 11, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Coon in view of Vleweg. Coon has been discussed. Vleweg was cited to show the material of the plate, but is otherwise not relevant. This rejection is also believed to be overcome for the reasons given hereinabove.

Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Coon in view of Truby. Coon has been discussed. Truby is cited to show a 1911 Browning, but is otherwise not relevant. This rejection is also believed to be overcome for the reasons given hereinabove.

As all the rejections are believed to be overcome, reconsideration and allowance
of Claims 1 to 6 and 8 to 20 are requested.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Fuerle", is written over the typed name.

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